Court on 4th February, 1994 and explained the circumstances under which a file relating to an enquiry into the complaint of Smt. Nirmala Sharma could not be produced on 25-1-1994.

Harassment to Indians Returning From Foreign Countries

1155. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Indians returning home from Gulf and Arab countries on completion of their jobs and even after clearance from customs at Delhi airport are harassed and intimidated by policemen right from Delhi to their home towns for extoration of money form them; and

(b) if so, what ateps are being taken by Government to prevent such type of harassment, atrocities and oppression and provide protection to the innocent citizens ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) The Delhi Police have reported that no such case has been reported in Delhi during 1993 & 1994 (up to 31-1-1994).

(b) Does not arise.

Setting Up Of Vidharba, Marathwada And Konkan Statutory Development Boards

1156. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Vidharba, Marathwada and Konkan Statutory Development Boards under Art. 371 of the Constitution for the development of backward regions in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, when was the proposal mooted;

(c) whether any decision to set up the Boards has been taken by Government and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for delay in deciding the issue and by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal for setting up of Development Boards in Maharashtra under Art. 371(2) was received for the first time in August 1984.

(c) and (d) A modified proposal of the State Government for setting up of Development Boards in Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra received from the Government of Mahrashtra on 20-12-1993, is now under consideration of the government and a decision is likely to be taken soon.

Inter state boundery along Mizoram-Assam

1157. SHRI KAMAL MORAKRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tension has been prevailing along Mizoram-Assam border;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are differences over the inter-State boundary; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government to solve the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) Tension had arisen as a result of a decision of the Government of Mizoram to construct a new road from Vairengte to Lailapur passing through the disputed territory between Assam and Mizoram.

(d) The Chief Ministers of Assam and Mizoram have been exhorted to amicably resolve the problem pending which all ongoing action for construction of the road has been stopped. A team from the Survey of India has been deputed to assist the two States to establish the correct alignment of the boundary on the ground. The situation is now normal.